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SENATOR CARPENTER: You're right there, I've excluded them. They do it for us. I'm talking about only the corporation, both domestic and foreign.

SENATOR NORE: So we're putting on more people to make more spot checks?

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's right.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me say this to Senator Stahmer. I've been down to the department this morning. I've been down there two or three times. I've been down there every year for the last three years trying to get them to do the same thing. Now there's no reason to talk with them any more because if they'd wanted to do it, they'd have done it a long time ago. I don't know why they don't want to do it. One of the reasons is that they don't ask for enough money to do it. Now let's say we give them a million dollars and they don't spend it. There's nothing wrong with that. It'll be carried over and be reappropriated but unless they know they're going to get a substantial amount of money. Unless they start now to assemble a staff, they're never going to do it. Now Senator Stahmer is at five minutes before midnight probably talking to Mr. Peters who I talked to this morning. He don't want to do it either. And the man in charge of the business, he don't want to do it either. For the same reason in the letter and the same reason Stahmer outlined. And he don't want to do it either. But I do. And we're going on record whether you do or not. And I ask for a Roll Call vote.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter has closed. Senator Johnson, do you have something? I think the discussion is concluded. Now hold on a minute....Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I just want to say that this was considered in our sub-committee meeting. Senator Savage was chairman and I asked Mr. Peters at this time if we couldn't get more men and asked why he didn't get more men because we were aware of the facts that Senator Carpenter has just reviewed. One thing he said, men weren't available, capable men, and also it would take supporting staff and more offices and that was the answer he gave us. I'm 100% for Senator Carpenter's suggestion and I think we should proceed at the rate that Mr. Peters' office can use additional help and continue to increase the staff until such a time when it doesn't return dollar for dollar.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. In 1967 when we adopted the sales and the income tax, we thought at that time we had staff sufficient to do the job. But you notice we have jumped from 26 to 40 and the budget now would provide for 6 more people and I think monies are provided for...those six additional people. I think the plan has some merit but I do not believe at this time that the staff can be properly set up whether it's the additional help besides the auditors. I think if we were to proceed rather cautiously, enlargement of the audit staff which I think is fine and it's the right time to do it.... about six or seven years after we've adopted this sales and